

REMARKS

The present amendment is filed together with an Appeal Brief which appeals the rejection of the application to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

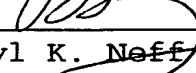
The present amendment cancels claims 29, 34, 39 and 44, and makes minor amendments to claims 35-38 and 40-43 in order to correct references to certain already recited features in the claims. Applicant respectfully submits that the present amendment is enterable now because it reduces the number of issues for consideration and places the application in better condition for appeal.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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